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# FEDERAL CITY PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, July 20, 1991  
Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Directors: Brayton, Dorr, Gibb, Kranick, McClelland, Moore, Padgett, Resnick, Rogers, Shaw, Streit.

Staff: Buhrman, Holloway, Kaufman, Korpon, Rivard, Skillman.

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

#### President's Report:

Resnick apologized for the lack of a written report. In was left on his computer at work. He will provide one at a later time. Two points bear noting:

1. Russ Pepin, co-owner of Friends has contacted the chorus. He wants to set up a social event for the out-going/in-coming boards. He also wanted to apologize for an ad that had run in the blade.
2. Resnick indicated that one of his goals this year will be to increase minority involvement in the chorus.

#### Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the meeting of 5/19/91 were approved as amended. Brayton moved for approval, Second: Shaw. Approved.

The minutes of the informal meeting of the board, Sunday, June 16, 1991, were approved as corrected. Motion: McClelland. Second: Rogers. Approved.

#### Board Vacancies:

Resnick announced the resignation of Steve Herman, effective July 4, 1991. There was considerable discussion as to whether the Board wants to move ahead to fill the two vacancies (Carpenter & Herman).

Resnick talked about getting non-member directors. Rod Fiorito has expressed interest in one of the one-year terms. Holloway cited Paul Hill as to the value of getting singers off the board. Moore supported the idea. There was a question as to whether a board member had to be a voting member of the organization (paying dues). Question was raised as to whether such directors should be elected or appointed. McClelland asked that we deal with the present issue. Shaw encouraged the board to explore the idea. Holloway saw this as an opportunity for board development. Shaw: This is old business, we need to deal with the present issue. Brayton pointed out that there are two issues, filling vacancies and developing a community board of trustees. With the coming of Skillman, we have the ability to do that. Kranick noted that the by-laws envisioned an umbrella organization. Thus the question would be raised as to who would be on the board of such an umbrella organization. He noted that we don't have to fill them, but if someone is willing...



Shaw raised the question as to how many of the members know of the vacancies. Resnick confirmed that yes, the general membership is unaware of the openings. Holloway noted that "a participant board gets spooky over outsiders." Whatever we do, they can't be viewed as outsiders, rather to be positioned as a special resource. McClelland noted that it obviously needs further discussion. He suggested that we interview the individuals we have expressed interest...let's not turn them away. Resnick: if we include something in HF, do we have a commitment to fill the positions. McClelland indicated that he is committed to filling them, "let's hear them out." Shaw suggested that we set up an ad-hoc committee to explore the issue of a larger board, to check with GALA, etc. It is a viable proposition, but let's look at a proposal. Kranick indicated that we need a committee to look at options. McClelland indicated that another question is the relationship of staff to a policy board. The sense of the board was to advertise the vacancies in September with interested parties to contact Resnick.

**Motion:** Shaw moved that we set up an ad-hoc committee to study various possibilities of various mixes for a board of directors; the committee to be called the Board Development Committee. Second: Kranick.

Gibb introduced an amendment to establish an ad-hoc Board Development Committee. Accepted as a friendly amendment.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously

Shaw agreed to chair the new committee and to report of members and a time schedule for the August meeting. He will have a final proposal to the board for the January Board Meeting, now projected to be January 10, 1992.

### **Gala Leadership Conference**

The first deadline for registration has passed. The hotel space deadline is July 29th. The registration fee is \$65.00. Holloway raised the possibility of using the free tickets from USAir for Skillman's travel. Holloway will check on them. Members interested in attending should check with Holloway for details. Regarding Holloway's travel, the Executive Committee will review the issue.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resnick presented his slate of committee chairs for concurrence by the board:
  - a. Circle of Excellence -- Bob Dragoset
  - b. Fund-raising -- no clear nominee
  - c. GALA IV -- Moore
  - d. Membership -- Streit & Padgett
  - e. Merchandising -- Padgett & Rogers
  - f. Music Staff Evaluation -- Michael Erlich, Michael Smith, George Rogers & Jim DeRoma
  - g. Publications -- Dan Kaufman
  - h. Public Relations -- Rick Rosendall
  - i. Repertoire Advisory -- Jim DeRoma & Michael Smith (Falle Nelson & Fred Poggemeyer continue)

Motion: Brayton: To accept the appointments for the year 1991-92. Second: McClelland. Motion carried unanimously

The question was raised as to the number and status of committees. Current Ad Hoc Committees are: Circle of Excellent (becoming an standing committee), Rehearsal Space Research, Board Development.

Resnick reminded members, staff and committee chairs that he expects written reports for board meetings.

Action on questions raised by Korpon regarding unclaimed sales merchandise was deferred.

Motion: To accept the calendar as developed during the Management Conference portion of the day, recognizing the need for the addition of the Capital Club dates. Padgett moved. Brayton Seconded. Motion carried.

Next was the discussion of the proposed new small chamber choir. (cf. handout)

Motion: To accept Holloway's proposal for as new small ensemble. Brayton moved. McClelland seconded.

Discussion: Resnick asked to check No. 6. Holloway indicated that a budget would be submitted

Motion carried.

Holloway introduced the idea of a series of voice scholarships to be offered for members. He suggested \$1000 be set aside for selected individuals during the year.

Motion: To accept in principle the idea of the voice scholarships with Holloway to report to the Board at the August meeting with specifics. Gibb moved. Second: Shaw

There being no other business, Brayton moved adjournment. Kranick seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 16, 1991, 7:30 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Metro Center  
Board Room

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